NASWA In Action

NASWA Executive Director Scott B. Sanders was appointed to the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board and will work directly with the National Council for the American Worker to develop and implement a strategy to revamp the American workforce to better meet the challenges of the 21st century.

“I am honored and humbled for the opportunity to represent our nation’s workforce agencies on the Department of Commerce’s American Workforce Policy Advisory Board as a part of my role as NASWA Executive Director,” said NASWA Executive Director Scott B. Sanders. “This advisory board will help develop strategy to ensure the American workforce system meets employers needs for a qualified workforce, and gives workers access to affordable, relevant, and innovative education and job training. In today’s economic climate of tight labor markets, this is crucial to continued economic growth and I look forward to participating in this vital discussion.”

Watch the video (Sanders speaks at 11:10)
June 12-14
Employment &
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Park City, UT

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NASWA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON NGA PANEL
Scott B. Sanders, NASWA Executive Director, was part of a panel discussing effective workforce system governance at the recent National Governors Associations' Winter Meeting. The session allowed participants to engage with national organizations that represented key local officials with a role in overseeing workforce programs.

NASWA POLICY DIRECTOR PART OF EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIPS PANEL
Veterans Policy Director & NLX Senior Advisor Lori Adams was part of a panel presentation on “Brain Drain, Brain Gain & Our Sustainable Future: Utilizing Employment Partnerships in Rural Areas” at the Work Rebooted Summit February 25-27, 2019, in San Francisco, CA. Lori’s remarks focused on the value of virtual and flexible employment for military spouses and the disabled. Other members of the panel included Amber Weaver, Hilton; Mika Gross, FlexJobs; and Laurel Farrer, Rural Online Initiative.

NASWA COMMITTEES HOST A VIRTUAL TOUR OF NY STATE’S RESEA PROGRAM
The NASWA Unemployment Insurance and Employment & Training Committees hosted a Virtual Tour of New York State’s RESEA Program on Wednesday, February 27th. During the session, Kerry Douglas-Duffy, the Employment Services Manager at the New York State Department of Labor, discussed the program’s early history before showcasing the newest RESEA program design. She also provided information on internal program evaluations, lessons learned, and plans for the future. Please email us if you are interested in viewing the session.

NASWA LETTER TO HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS ON RESEA FIX
NASWA Board President Jon Pierpont and Executive Director Scott Sanders sent a request to the House Ways and Means Committee to express appreciation of bipartisan efforts to authorize the RESEA program and request a statutory fix to the Act.

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Conference Corner

2019 SIDES SEMINAR & NASWA COMMITTEE MEETINGS
SIDES Seminar: April 2-4
NASWA Committee Meetings: April 1-3
SIDES Operations Committee Meeting: April 5

The State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) Seminar is a gathering for state workforce members, employers and third party administrators (TPAs) to discuss current and developing trends in the unemployment program and how SIDES can be used to enhance integrity measures, streamline claims processing and reduce agency costs.

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2019 VETERANS CONFERENCE CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS
Workshop presenters and panelists are being sought for the 2019 Veterans Conference.
Proposal deadline is TODAY, March 12!

Those who can provide learning opportunities for conference attendees on a variety of topics relevant to serving our nation’s Veterans, transitioning service members, military spouses and employers who hire them are the focus of this search.

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WINTER POLICY FORUM

The 2019 NASWA Winter Policy Forum welcomed NASWA members from around the country, engaging speakers, and valuable sponsors. Presentations from the conference will be available soon. Stay tuned!

View photos from the conference

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USDOL Teams with CONN-OSHA for Employer Roundtable

Leona May, U.S. Department of Labor Compliance Assistance Specialist with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Bridgeport office, detailed the OSHA Injury & Illness Recording process during a February Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group session. Sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA), employers were provided customized guidance on record keeping and answered questions about specific situations. The roundtable was facilitated by Catherine Zinsser, CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist. A complete listing of seminars and roundtable events can be found on the CONN-OSHA website.

Job Corps Job Shadow Day

Connecticut Department of Labor Commissioner Kurt Westby met with students from the Hartford and New Haven Job Corps during a Job Shadow Day event held at the agency’s Wethersfield office. The annual event provides students with the opportunity to meet with Labor Department employees, follow them through the workday, and find out more about the world of work. The Connecticut Department of Labor is a partner with Job Corps, an educational and vocational training program funded by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16-24 get good jobs and take control of their careers. Students learn a trade, earn a high school diploma or GED, and get help finding employment.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DOES en Español

After months of preparation, the D.C. Department of Employment Services (DOES) officially launched DOES en Español. DOES is the first workforce agency in the nation to have a full-service Spanish language website, giving Limited English Proficient (LEP) and Non-English Proficient (NEP) customers direct access to information on programs and services offered by the agency.

In recognizing Spanish as the most common foreign language spoken in the District of Columbia, DOES en Español was launched to enhance the customer service experience for LEP and NEP residents. The new website will increase access to programs as customers will be able to file for unemployment benefits, file a wage theft claim, register for the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program, analyze labor statistics for the District of Columbia, find information about Paid Family Leave, and learn about DOES programs, apprenticeships trainings, and employment opportunities. Visit es.does.dc.gov and explore DOES en Español.
MARYLAND

State Accepting Proposals to Invest in the Opioid Workforce Innovation Fund

“The Opioid Workforce Innovation Fund will help counter the negative impacts of the opioid crisis on Maryland’s workforce and economy,” said Acting Labor Secretary Rzepkowski. “Through strategic partnerships and strategies that deliver coordinated workforce and behavioral health services to eligible individuals, we will overcome opioid-related workforce challenges and help our business partners fill their talent pipelines.”

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Maryland Competes in GirlsGoCyberStart Cybersecurity Initiative

Last year, 6,650 high school girls from 17 states and territories participated in the competition. In Maryland, 404 students from 23 high schools participated, and of the top 100 teams overall, Maryland took four of the top five positions – first, second, fourth, and fifth – proving the strength of Maryland’s future cybersecurity workforce.

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OKLAHOMA

Unemployment Insurance Tax program Ranked #1

Oklahoma’s Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tax program was recently ranked number one in the nation by the Tax Foundation, a Washington, D.C. based think tank. The Tax Foundation, established in 1937, collects data and...Read More

The Bulletin Board

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FREEBIES FOR THE VETERANS YOU SERVE

- The Theater Development Fund’s gratitude for military service is translating into free Broadway tickets for veteran families.
- Veteran families can experience unforgettable events for almost free (just pay a processing fee) thanks to Veteran Tickets Foundation.
- Families can turn their volunteer hours into the keys to the Magic Kingdom with Points of Light’s Disney Rewards program.

Workforce Classifieds

WORKFORCE JOBS

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View the most recent job listings or email webmaster@naswa.org to submit a workforce development-related job.

Please send relevant content for the newsletter to the NASWA Director of External Affairs, Michelle Marshel.